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For:

SNOWBOARD

BINDING SYSTEM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the October 27, 2003 final Office Action, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1-40, 49, 50 and 52 are pending, with claims 1, 2, 18, 33 and 49 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page sixteen (16) of this paper.